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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to place the application in better form for examination. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications. Favorable action on the present application is solicited.

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4. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the inorganic sol is obtainable by hydrolysis of first and second hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors, the first hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors being different to the second hydrolysable organic monomer precursors and having at least two hydrolysable groups, and the second hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors having at least one non-hydrolysable group.

7. (Amended) A process according to [any of claims] claim 4 [to 6], wherein the first hydrolysable monomer precursors comprise a tetraalkoxysilane and the second hydrolysable monomer precursors comprise an alkoxysilane having at least one ethylenically-unsaturated group and/or an epoxy group.

9. (Amended) A process according to [any of claims] claim 4 [to 8], wherein the sol is obtainable by hydrolysing the first and second hydrolysable monomer precursors separately from one another to form a first sol and a second sol, and mixing the first and second sols.

10. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding] claim 2, wherein the sol is aged prior to mixing with the polymerisable organic species.

11. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding] claim 2, wherein the polymerisable organic monomers are added to the sol in liquid or solution form.

12. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding] claim 2, wherein the polymerisable organic species are polymerisable to form a thermosetting material.

14. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding] claim 13, wherein the substrate is selected from thermoplastic materials, thermosetting materials, metals, ceramic materials, natural materials, or any of these materials which are pre-coated e.g. with a decorative finish.

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16. (Amended) A coated substrate obtainable by a process according to [any preceding] claim 1.

20. (Amended) A process for bonding together at least two articles comprising applying to the surface of one or each article a composition as defined in claim 18 [or claim 19], bringing the surfaces to be bonded into contact with one another, and then curing the composition, to form a secure bond.